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In re Application of:

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.99, the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the examiner in charge of the captioned application.

The examiner is respectfully requested to initial the space adjacent each document entry on the Form PTO-1449, and to return a copy of the initialled Form PTO-1449 to confirm that the documents have been considered and have been officially made of record in this application.

The potential relevance of the listed references is discussed as follows.

- A. The Hon patent discloses an interactive health education system including a first display linked to a storage device for displaying written instructions for a function, and a second display for displaying pictorial and oral representations of a manner of performing a function.
- B. The Couper et al. patent discloses a cursor control circuit used with two displays.

- C. The Berry et al. patent discloses display of help information near a point at which help is requested, but without covering needed information.
- D. The Hoeber et al. patent discloses display of context-sensitive help.
- E. The Gayraud et al. patent discloses display of a status frame that is positioned outside an active portion of a user interface and that is updated as a cursor moves.
- F. The Miller et al. patent discloses display of context-sensitive help across plural applications.
- G. The Powers III et al. patent discloses a system for layering windows from respective applications.
- H. The Tozuka patent generally discloses a help function.
- I. The Dazey et al. patent discloses use of a separate, context-sensitive help pane on the same physical display device as an application on which help is sought.
- J. The Trueblood patent discloses a system for sharing input devices (mouse, keypad cursors) among plural physical display devices.

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Favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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